



OCTOBER 2015

KIDS' CLUB NEWSLETTER

October Calendar

Reminder: All Wednesdays this month are $\frac{3}{4}$ Days at Lane and Davis Schools. The children will eat their lunch at school and ride the bus to KIDS' CLUB. Snack will be provided at KIDS' CLUB.

- 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ day all public schools*
- 12 KIDS' CLUB IS CLOSED for Columbus Day.*
- 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ day all public schools*
- 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ day all public schools*
- 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ day all public schools*
- 30 HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES THIS AFTERNOON AT KIDS' CLUB
FROM 2-6 PM - CHILDREN SCHEDULED TO ATTEND ON THIS
DAY ARE INVITED TO DRESS FOR THE OCCASION. (NO
SCAREY COSTUMES, OR WEAPON ACCESSORIES, PLEASE.)
HALLOWEEN FACE PAINTING, GAMES, CRAFTS, AND COOKIE
DECORATING ARE JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT
WILL BE BREWING!*

November Calendar

$\frac{3}{4}$ day reminder: Wednesdays, November 4 and 18 are $\frac{3}{4}$ days at Lane and Davis Schools. $\frac{3}{4}$ days, all children will eat their lunch at school and ride the bus to KIDS' CLUB. Snack will be provided at KIDS' CLUB upon arrival. KIDS' CLUB IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY,

NO VEMBER 11, FOR VETERANS DAY AND ON NOVEMBER 26 & 27 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

½ day reminder: Wednesday, November 25 is a ½ day. On ½ days, the children in grades K-2 must bring a lunch and a beverage. We suggest the children in grades 3-5 also bring a lunch and a beverage as they eat very early at school and are hungry when they arrive at KC. Snack is provided at 3:00 PM on ½ days.

3 No School Teacher Workshop Day - Full Day Care available.
Separate Registration is required.

4 ¾ day all public schools

11 KIDS' CLUB is CLOSED for Veterans Day.

18 ¾ day all public schools

25 ½ day all public schools

26/27 KIDS' CLUB is CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**SCHOOL YEAR VACATION REGISTRATION FORMS and
NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKSHOP DAY REGISTRATION FORMS
ARE AVAILABLE**

The December-February-April Vacation Week Registration Form and the November 3, January 16th and March 13th No School Teacher Workshop Day Registration Form are now available on the KIDS' CLUB website and in the foyer at KIDS' CLUB.

HIGH ENROLLMENT AT KIDS' CLUB - Due to an increase in enrollment, KIDS' CLUB has reached full capacity most days and has begun a wait-list for those families wanting to be contacted should an opening for child care become available. As always, families are urged to call as soon as they are aware of their child care needs to inquire about

availability. Also, because separate registration is required, we encourage families interested in child care for this school year's **School Vacation Weeks** and **No School Teacher Workshop Days** to complete registration forms in order to secure a spot for their child(ren). Forms are available on our website and at our front desk.

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**"NO CALL" POLICY REMINDER** - In order to avoid a "No-Call" fee of \$20.00, parents should contact KIDS' CLUB by 2:45 when their child, who is scheduled to attend KIDS' CLUB that day, will not be attending the program. Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.



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DOES YOUR CHILD REMAIN AT SCHOOL FOR SCOUTS, DANCE, ART CLASSES, ETC.? - KIDS' CLUB and the public schools do not share information regarding which children remain at school for afternoon activities. Many families find it beneficial to provide KIDS' CLUB with their child's afternoon schedule information **in written form**. With this information on record, KIDS' CLUB will not need to call your child's school to locate your child on these days and a \$20.00 "No Call" fee will be avoided.



GENTLE REMINDER: KIDS' CLUB 'SCHEDULE CHANGE' POLICY -

* School Year tuition is always due on the 1st of the month in advance of

the service month (EX: Due September 1 for September care).

* Schedule changes also must be made by the 25th of the month prior to the month you are making changes for. **There are NO REFUNDS FOR PARTIAL MONTHS.**

*All schedule changes must be made in writing using the DROP/ADD FORM and submitted to the office.

* All DROPS are effective the first of the month.

* All ADDS are on a “space available” basis. Space is limited.

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY** - The Bedford Public Library has implemented a new policy which states that all children must be eleven years old to be in the library without adult supervision. KIDS' CLUB will adhere to this policy, only allowing children eleven or older to visit the library. Per library administration, if a younger child (4<sup>th</sup> grade or older who has written parental permission) would like to visit the library during the specified KIDS' CLUB hours, she/he must be accompanied by an eleven year old peer who will assume supervision.

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TOYS FROM HOME - Although toys from home are usually allowed at KIDS' CLUB, staff may ban specific toys or set limits as to when toys from home may be used. Parents will be notified with specifics when such bans are implemented. KIDS' CLUB is not responsible for toys or electronic items brought from home that become lost or damaged. At the current time, we recommend that such items be left at home.

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**HEALTHY HANDWASHING PRACTICES AT KIDS' CLUB** – It has been brought to my attention that not all of our families may be aware of KIDS' CLUB's hand washing practices. I am sure most of us would agree that we should all be doing what we can to keep our families and teachers healthy. Our policy and daily practice is to have children coming off the school bus sign-in, put away their belongings in cubbies, and go directly to wash hands before snacking or playing. Children are also required to wash hands before every late afternoon snack time (5 p.m.) as well. In addition, our front desk staffer on duty is charged with speaking to each child exiting the restroom to ensure that they have washed their hands with “lots of soap and water”. Often, the children find themselves instructed to return to the restroom to complete this task. Several years ago, in an effort to promote the washing of hands for children and teachers, KIDS' CLUB purchased attractive posters from the Center for Disease Control. These are now displayed, at the children's eye level, over each of our classroom sinks. We feel this is another simple way to reinforce the healthy habit of hand washing with the children.

